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In re Application of:)
SUERBAUM et al.) Group Art Unit: 1647
Serial No.: 09/015,078) Examiner: S. Turner
Filed: January 29, 1998)
For: CLONING AND)
CHARACTERIZATION OF THE)
flba GENE OF *H. PYLORI*,)
PRODUCTION OF AFLAGELLATE)
STRAINS)
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows¹:

Replace the paragraph running from Page 2, line 35 to Page 3, line 7 with:

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The invention therefore relates to a nucleotide sequence from the *flbA* gene regulating the biosynthesis of the proteins of the *Helicobacter pylori* flagella, characterized in that it is able to hybridize, under conditions of high stringency, with a

¹ A "marked-up" version of this amendment, indicating the changes being made, is provided in the Appendix.

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